



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist. These treatments save and improve the lives of individuals across Georgia and around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, Rh-negative pregnancies, and other rare disorders; and
- WHEREAS: These therapies substantially increase the quality of life for those affected by such conditions, improve patient outcomes, and extend life expectancy for thousands of individuals in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, approximately 15,000 pregnant women in Georgia receive plasma protein therapy to protect both mother and child from complications arising from incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS: 27 plasma donation centers in Georgia are certified by the International Quality Plasma Program. At these centers, healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, lifesaving therapies; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors for saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding of lifesaving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, as PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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